



REGULATIONS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS

It is expected that candidates for City Council will want to use campaign signs to promote their candidacy. The City of Tustin asks that each candidate keep in mind the best interests of the community through compliance with the following requirements from the Tustin City Code for placing political signs. The City's desire is to maintain an aesthetically pleasing appearance, while providing sufficient opportunity for each of you to make the voters aware of your candidacy.

On April 3, 2018, the Tustin City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1483, which applies uniform standards to temporary off-premises commercial signs and temporary non-commercial signs in the public right-of-way. A Political Sign is a type of non-commercial sign. The information contained in this guide is intended to summarize the regulations and promote consistent and effective implementation of Political Signs during the election season.

The City Council determined that reasonable regulations are needed for the type, placement, and duration of Political Signs. The regulations are intended to protect free expression as guaranteed to individuals by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, while also protecting the welfare of the community as a whole from blight, decline in property values and sign clutter to preserve Tustin as a beautiful community.

SIGN TYPE

A Political Sign is a sign pertaining to a candidate for public office or a ballot issue pending before the electorate at a specific election.

PROHIBITED SIGN LOCATIONS & TYPES

No Political Sign shall be:

- Located within a visual clearance area at an intersection (25' x 25' corner clearance at intersections) or in any street median island.
- Affixed to any traffic signal, utility pole, traffic control device, tree or any other natural or man-made structure (e.g. fences and walls) located within the public parkway.
- Placed on any public property (except parkway/tree wells) including a park, street, median, island or sidewalk.
- Designed to simulate or imitate in size, shape, color, or lettering any traffic sign or signal, or which makes use of the words "Stop", "Look", "Danger", or any other words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.
- Designed to include anything obscene.
- Designed to include any moving, illuminated, swinging, rotating, flashing, blinking, fluctuating or otherwise animated lights.

LOCATION, SIZE, AND DURATION

A Political Sign may be located on private property or within the public right-of-way in accordance with the following standards:

	Private Property	Public Right-of-Way (Parkways and tree wells, but not on sidewalks)
Sign Area:	32 square feet max.	4 square feet max.
Sign Height:	10 feet max.	4 feet max.
Duration:	No limit	45 days max. per calendar quarter (see below for specific dates)
Notes:	<p>Written permission of the property owner is required.</p> <p>No person shall affix a temporary non-commercial sign on any traffic signal, utility pole, traffic control device, or tree.</p> <p>The name, address and telephone number of the responsible party for posting the temporary non-commercial sign shall be included on the sign.</p>	<p>Maximum of one sign per sponsoring individual or organization is allowed to abut any one property.</p> <p>Signs may only be placed 25-300 feet from a street intersection (see exhibit).</p> <p>Cannot impede vehicles, parking adjacent to curb, pedestrian walkways or hinder disabled access.</p> <p>No person shall affix a temporary non-commercial sign on any traffic signal, utility pole, traffic control device, or tree.</p> <p>The date that the sign was posted and the name, address and telephone number of the responsible party for posting the temporary non-commercial sign shall be included on the back of the sign.</p>

DURATION FOR POLITICAL SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC PARKWAYS AND TREE WELLS

Political Signs in public parkways and tree wells may be installed in accordance with these regulations for a maximum of 45 days per calendar quarter and shall be removed no later than 5 days after the election.

Earliest Date to Install Signs Posted Through Election Day – **August 16, 2020**
 Election Day – **November 3, 2020**
 Last Date to Remove Signs (5 days after the election) – **November 8, 2020**